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ALLOTROPA VIRGATA

CANDYSTICK

Candystick is a perennial with pink and white-striped stems that are 10-40 cm high and 5-10 mm thick. Scale-like leaves are white to pinkish, attached directly to the stem, and largest near mid-stem. Flowers are borne in tight clusters in the axils of the bracts. Each flower has 5 separate white to pinkish sepals, ca. 5 mm long, and 10 purple stamens. Petals are lacking. The 5-lobed ovary matures to form a many-seeded capsule. Flowering in July and August.

The pink and white striped stems are distinctive.